

# FTA

FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION

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### **FTA Safety Authority Update**

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# Today's Presentation

- Public Transportation Safety Program Framework and Rulemaking Update
- FAST Act Amendments
- Questions

# Public Transportation Safety Program

- Establishes FTA's Safety Oversight Authority and program of requirements for most recipients of FTA funding
- Establishes FTA's commitment to a Safety Management System (SMS) approach
- Requires FTA to create National Public Transportation Safety Plan to communicate with public transit industry
- Formalizes a comprehensive framework for safe public transportation through 4 program components:

## National Public Transportation Safety Plan

- Safety vision, mission, goals
- Performance management criteria and guidance
- Safety Risk Management practices and procedures
- SMS implementation guidance
- Best practices and safety plan templates
- Top Safety Priorities
- Safety Standards

**GUIDANCE**

## National Public Transportation Safety Certification Training Program

- Federal/State employees (or their designees) who conduct audits and examinations of public transportation systems
- Personnel of public transportation systems who have direct responsibility for safety oversight at their system

## Public Transportation Agency Safety Plans

Identifies:

- Methods for identifying and evaluating safety risk
- Framework for agencies to identify strategies for minimizing public exposure to unsafe conditions
- Performance targets and criteria based on criteria established in the National Safety Plan
- Requires training for personnel responsible for safety

**TRANSIT AGENCIES**

## State Safety Oversight (SSO) Program

- Oversees the agency safety plan for the rail transit systems
- Investigates and enforces plan
- Audits rail transit systems
- Reports on safety status of each transit rail agency

SAFER PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

# Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act

- Signed into law by President Obama on December 4, 2015
- Effective Date of October 1, 2015
- Reauthorized many of the provisions that were enacted in MAP-21
- Added a few new provisions

# Amendments to the Safety Program

- Requires the establishment of Minimum Safety Standards as part of the National Safety Plan to ensure safe transit operations
- Permits FTA to temporarily take over for an inadequate or incapable State Safety Oversight agency, and permits use of that agency's SSO grant funds during the corrective time frame
- Grants FTA permission to issue nationwide transit safety directives
- Grants FTA permission to issue restrictions or prohibitions on operations at unsafe transit agencies

# Amendments to the Safety Program, continued

- Requires FTA to conduct a review of the safety standards and protocols used in public transportation systems to examine the efficacy of existing standards and protocols;
- Requires a Final Report on the findings of the review, with a comprehensive set of recommendations and further actions needed to improve the safety of the public transportation industry by establishing additional Federal minimum safety standards
- Requires a study & report on evidentiary protection for public transportation safety program information & data
- Requires an NPRM on transit driver safety & risk of assault

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## MAP-21 & Safety-Related Rulemaking

Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan NPRM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan NPRM<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Regulatory Impact Analysis for the Federal Transit Administration's Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan NPRM</li></ul></li><li>Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM): Request for Comments<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Federal Register</li></ul></li><li>Crosswalk Matrix: 49 CFR Part 659.19 System Safety Program Plan Requirements with Proposed Requirements for Public Transportation Agency Safety Plans (PDF)</li><li>Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan NPRM FAQ (PDF)</li></ul>
National Public Transportation Safety Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>National Public Transportation Safety Plan (PDF)<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Advanced Notice of Proposed Rulemaking and Responses to Relevant Comments on the National Public Transportation Safety Plan (PDF)</li></ul></li><li>National Public Transportation Safety Plan Notice of Availability: Request for Comments<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Federal Register</li></ul></li><li>Proposed National Public Transportation Safety Plan FAQ (PDF)</li></ul>

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# Questions?

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